

**CLAIMS**

1. A method of enabling a mobile station, associated with a home network, to roam in one or more further networks while using a predetermined service, comprising; providing a node maintaining data  
5 relating to said service; providing a set of gateway nodes in the further network which are operated by the home network service provider, and causing the node to interact with the gateway nodes to provide them with data and/or instructions concerning the service.
2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the service relates to the  
10 prepaid status of a subscriber.
3. A method as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the gateway nodes are Gateway GPRS Support Nodes (GGSN).
4. A method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the node interacts with service logic in a CSE and GGSN.
- 15 5. A method as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the data maintaining node provides the GGSN with thresholds usable to set a limit on the amount of data that can be transferred.
6. A GPRS telecommunications system, comprising a plurality of networks, at least one of the networks being a home network for a subscriber  
20 associated with a mobile terminal; a node maintaining data relating to a service; one or more gateway nodes in networks other than the home networks and operated by the home network service provider, and means for enabling said gateway nodes to interact with the service data maintaining node to provide them with data and/or instructions concerning the service.
- 25 7. A system as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the gateway nodes are GPRS support nodes.
8. A system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the node interacts with service logic in a CSE and GGSN.

9. A system as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the data maintaining node provides the GGSN with thresholds usable to set a limit on the amount of data that can be transferred.

10. A GPRS Telecommunications System, including a prepaid data server  
5 node.

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